

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Azerbaijan
<b>Program Title:</b>	Civil Society
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	112-0210
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$7,600,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$1,970,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$6,154,000 FSA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2000
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2010

**Summary:** Democracy, governance, and civil society activities improve the justice sector and legal framework, support democratic local government, promote free and fair elections, strengthen political parties and civil society, support media freedom, and promote anti-corruption reforms.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2006 Program:

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$300,000 FSA, \$347,660 FSA carryover). This program assists in shaping the legal environment through media law training and advocacy and building the capacity of media. Journalists will be trained to improve their general reporting skills; targeted media outlets will be assisted in developing as efficient, audience-based, profit-seeking enterprises. Implementer: International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) (prime).

Program Support (\$950,000 FSA, \$72,478 FSA carryover). Funds will be used to support program-funded staff and other costs related to program design and development.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$500,000 FSA, \$250,000 FSA carryover). The program will assist the Azerbaijani citizenry, government, and independent agencies with advocacy for reform of laws and practices, and improving processes. A new TV program will be produced to highlight different examples of corruption. Principal implementers: IREX (prime), and to be determined (TBD).

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$900,000 FSA, \$210,000 FSA carryover). The program promotes the credible administration of elections and the development of an impartial electoral framework, informs and motivates voters, and supports the monitoring and observation of election processes. Implementer: International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$2,400,000 FSA). The program will: strengthen the legal and institutional environment for citizens to act as agents for reform, articulate and represent their interests, and advocate for issues to be part of the public agenda and reflected in public policies. It will strengthen civil society capacity to impart civic knowledge and democratic values and increase participation in political and civic life. Two study tours for government officials will be conducted, 12 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will receive capacity-building and advocacy training, and six research and travel grants will be awarded to public policy research organizations. Principal implementers: Counterpart International (CI) (prime), Community Housing Foundation CHF (prime).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$750,000 FSA, \$1,090,000 FSA carryover). USAID supports the development of a representative political framework. Primary objectives include building capacity of political parties to participate effectively in elections and govern responsibly in elected positions; expanding membership; transparent management of finances; and helping political parties to better respond to constituent concerns. USAID will train political party activists in various areas. Principal implementers: International Republican Institute IRI (prime), National Democratic Institute (NDI) (prime).

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$500,000 FSA). USAID promotes increased independence, effectiveness, and efficiency of legal institutions such as the judiciary, public defenders, regulatory bodies, public law schools, and the bar association. USAID also supports the implementation of the Street Law Program. USAID will conduct 30 professional development seminars for more than 500 legal professionals. Principal implementers: TBD.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$1,300,000 FSA). The program will assist the newly-elected Parliament to be responsive to the public and hold the executive branch accountable. USAID will create a professional library and training center, organize exchange visits, and introduce the concept of public hearings with active participation of the civil society. Principal implementers: TBD

**FY 2007 Program:**

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$700,000 FSA). USAID will continue providing training on media law and advocacy, strengthen the reform process by building the capacity of media through university and mid-career journalism training courses, and assist media outlet managers in developing efficient, audience-based, profit-seeking enterprises. Principal implementers: IREX (prime).

Program Support (\$354,000 FSA). These funds will be used to support program-funded staff and other costs related to program design and development.

Promote and Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$700,000 FSA). Promote transparent and accountable institutions, processes, and policies across all development sectors. Principal implementers: All above.

Promote and Support Credible Elections Processes (\$450,000 FSA). USAID will work with election commissions to assist them to credibly administer the 2008 presidential elections. Assistance will be provided to inform and motivate voters about elections. The program will monitor election processes through local or international organizations. Principal implementers: IFES (prime), NDI (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,700,000 FSA). USAID will continue strengthening the legal and institutional environment through supporting local NGOs and advocacy coalitions. Courses will be conducted for issues-based advocacy coalitions on basic advocacy capacity building. Three national and four to eight local advocacy grants will be awarded. Principal implementers: CI and CHF (prime).

Strengthen Democratic Political Parties (\$800,000 FSA). Assistance will continue to develop a competitive and representative political framework; to build the capacity of political parties through expanded membership and transparent management of finances; and to help political parties to better respond to constituent concerns. Principal implementers: IRI (prime), NDI (prime).

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$450,000 FSA). USAID aims to improve the competency of legal professionals through improvements in university curricula, professional development programs, and increasing citizens' knowledge of their rights and methods to enforce those rights leading to increased confidence in the legal system. Principal implementers: TBD.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$1,000,000 FSA). The program will focus on Parliament's professionalism and institutional capacity including responsiveness to constituents and ability to hold the executive branch accountable. Principal implementers: TBD.

**Performance and Results:** USAID provided pre-parliamentary election assistance; promoted Law on Public TV and supported the first regional television network; and created a digital frequency map allowing licensing of frequencies for the country's broadcasting spectrum. Party strengthening, voter and media education activities during election months stimulated live public TV debates providing media access for some 1,000 candidates. The results targeted by this objective include a larger, more sustainable, and politically active NGO sector, as well as a citizenry that is more cognizant of its rights and responsibilities. These results should be accompanied by democratic government institutions that are more transparent, and more responsive to citizen input, particularly in administering elections. The key measure of success will be to have international recognition of free and fair elections.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Azerbaijan

112-0210 Civil Society	ESF	FSA
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	0	33,044
Expenditures	0	25,060
Unliquidated	0	7,984
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	250	6,470
Expenditures	0	0
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>		
Obligations	250	39,514
Expenditures	0	25,060
Unliquidated	250	14,454
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	1,970
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	7,600
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>		
Obligations	0	9,570
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	6,154
Future Obligations	0	6,000
Est. Total Cost	250	61,238